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FOREWORD

This booklet is made up of a collection of news items which include the statements and messages of American and British prisoners of war in Korea. These statements and messages were entrusted to correspondents of the Hsinhua (New China) News Agency serving with the Chinese people's volunteers in Korea, who forwarded them to Peking where they were broadcast by "Radio Peking" in the later part of 1950 and the early part of 1951.

The contents of the booklet comprise four sections. The first two sections consist of an "Appeal to the United Nations" which is signed by 279 prisoners of war, the great majority of whom are Americans, and the remainder British and Puerto Ricans; and a declaration entitled "May We Be Heard?" which is signed by 400 American soldiers in a prisoner of war camp somewhere in North Korea. The third section, under the heading of "The Voice of American G.I.'s" consists of extracts from messages to parents, sweethearts and friends in the United States.

In these messages, the American war prisoners express their views about the war in Korea and their desire that these should receive the widest possible publicity.

The final section is made up of messages sent by the prisoners to wives and families informing them that they had been taken prisoner and describing their life in the prisoner of war camps.

A number of photographs are included in the booklet with the aim of showing something of the life of the prisoners of war in the various camps in Korea.

In the event of a further number of prisoner's messages or statements reaching us from field correspondents in Korea, consideration will be given to publishing them in a further booklet.

The Publishers,

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American POW's Appeal to the
United Nations

PEKING, Mar. 12—The following is the text of an appeal addressed to the United Nations by 279 prisoners of war in Korea. They are mostly American citizens. The appeal has been cabled to Trygve Lie from Peking today by the Chinese People's Committee for World Peace and Against American Aggression (Editor's note—The meeting at which this appeal was signed is described in a cable from a Hsinhua News Agency special correspondent and in view of its interest we are re-printing the text together with the appeal.)

The prisoners' appeal reads in full:

"North Korea February 11, 1951.

To the United Nations:

We, the undersigned, all being members or civil employees of the United States, British, or puppet South Korean armed forces, are victims of the Korean war. We have personally experienced the horrors and devastation visited upon these people by this conflict. We have witnessed the agony in the eyes of bewildered civilians who have been made homeless. We have seen the useless slaughter of old men, women and

children when towns have been bombed. We have seen babies crying at the breast of a mother who had breathed her last.

All this and more we have seen and the reason for all this misery and unhappiness is the manipulation of the U.N. voting and violations of the U.N. Charter by the Anglo-American bloc.

The peoples of Asia have heard, and can still hear, the thunder of guns and the soul-chilling shriek of bombs falling. Soon the entire world will resound to these terrifying sounds and entire nations will be bombed to complete ruin unless a stop is brought to this war soon.

We have learned the hard, bitter truth and we believe that the only solution to this threat of another world war to be the following documents and policies which we unanimously advocate and support:

1. The Manifesto to the Peoples of the World adopted by the Second World Peace Congress in Warsaw.

2. Immediate cessation of the Korean war by the adoption of China's Foreign Minister Chou En-lai's Three-Point Peace Proposal to the U.N.

The document mentioned in the first article listed above contains the only solution to the problem of lasting world peace and with the participation and cooperation of all the peoples of the world will attain this glorious goal.

The policy and proposals mentioned in Article II present the only answer to true peace for the peoples of Asia, especially the 475 million long-suffering people of China who have struggled for peace for over 100 long, bitter, war-torn years.

In support of the appeal of the 600 million peace-loving peoples of the world who have affixed their signatures to the Stockholm Peace Appeal, we demand the unconditional prohibition of atomic weapons as a means of mass destruction and the institution of strict international control to enforce this.

We demand that the government which first uses the atomic bomb against any other state be branded as a war criminal.

We also strongly protest the recent U.N. decision proclaiming the People's Republic of China as the aggressor in Korea. Through personal contact and experience with the Chinese people's volunteers we have become convinced of their sincerity of purpose and have come to know them as true representatives of a peace-loving people.

We add this, our effort, to the determined effort of all the peoples of the world for the attainment of world lasting peace."

The message is signed by the members of the prisoners' committee as follows:

WILLIAM HERBERT ABBOTT, Corporal, 7th Division.

JOHN LOUIS ADAMS, 7th Division.

ANDREW AGNIRRE, Corporal, 1st Marine Division.

RONALD EPHRAIM ALLEY, Captain, 7th Division.

REYMONDO ALMENDAZ, Private First Class, 25th Division.

EMILIANO ANDINO, Private First Class, 65th Regiment.

JAMES A. ALT, Sergeant, 7th Division.

NICK JOHN ANTONIO, Private First Class, 1st Marine Division.

DANIEL ARELLANS, 7th Division.

ROBERT ARIAS, Corporal, 1st Marine Division.

CLIZTON D. ARNOLD, 7th Division.

CARL BAFS JR., Corporal, 1st Cavalry Division.

LOUIS B. BAGLAN, Master Sergeant, 7th Division.

GERALD FRANK BALCHIN, Marine, 41st Commando, Royal Marines.

JAMES HENRY BARBER, 3rd Division.

FRANKLIN E. BARRETT, Private, 3rd Division.

CLYDE E. BARTON, Private First Class, 7th Division.

KENNETH JOSEPH BASSETT, 1st Marine Division.

FREDERICK BEADLE, 41st Marine Commando.

THOMAS JEROME BEAN, Private First Class, 7th Division.

CHARLES LEE BEDWELL, Private First Class, 7th Division.

THOMAS ALFRED BERRY, Private First Class, 32nd Infantry.

CIPRIANO MATEO BLAS, Sergeant, 1st Marine Division.

ROBERT WILLIAM BONETSKY, Private First Class, 7th Division.

CHARLES AUGUST BOULDUE, Private First Class, 1st Marine Division.

CHARLES R. BOYD, 7th Division.

DEWEY EDWARD BRITTAIN, Sergeant, 1st Marine Division.

FLOYD BROWN, Corporal, 7th Division.

GLEN GUS BUMGARNER, Sergeant, 1st Cavalry Division.

STANLEY ALOYISHO BURKE, Private First Class, 1st Marine Division.

THOMAS M. CABELLO, Corporal, 7th Division.

CHARLES E. CARGILE, 7th Division.

HOMER EDWARD CASH, Private, 7th Division.

HERMAN CASTLE, Sergeant, 1st Marine Division.

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WILMER W. CLARK, Private First Class, 25th Division.

FRANK ERNEST COLD, First Lieutenant, 1st Marine Division.

STEVE COLEMAN, 7th Division.

ANDREW CONDRON, 41st Marine Commando.

SALVATORE RAYMOND CONTE, 7th Division.

HECTOR CORDERO, First Lieutenant, 3rd Infantry Division.

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BERNARD RAYMONS CUTHBERTSON, 3rd Division.

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RICHARD KERTH DAVIS, 3rd Division.

JAMES CALVIN DELONG, 7th Division.

JOSEPH J. DEPA, Corporal, 7th Division.

RUDOLPH HERBERT DESILUA, Captain, 7th Division.

CHARLES DICKERSON, 1st Marine Division.

REX DODGE, Private First Class, 7th Division.

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PAUL DUKE JR., Sergeant, 3rd Division.

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JOE CHARLES GALLAHER, Corporal, 7th Division.

RICHARD DAVID GALLARDO, Private First Class, 7th Division.

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ERNEST ELDRED HAYTON, 1st Marine Division.
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31st Infantry.

ROBERT EAST HIBDON, Private First Class, 32nd Infantry Regiment.

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FREDERICK GLEN HOLCOMB, 1st Marine Division.

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ROBERT HUMPHRIES, Private First Class, 7th Division.

GLEN LAVERN HOUSEHOLDER, 7th Division.

DUANE LERVY JOHNSON, Private 3rd Division.

JOHN BRAXTON JOHNSON, Private First Class, 3rd Division.

JOSEPH CARL JOHNSON, Private First Class, 7th Division.

DALE EDWARD JONES, 7th Division.

GEORGE JOSEPH JONES JR., Private First Class, 7th Infantry Division.

NYLE T. JONES, Corporal, 7th Division.

FRANK JOSEPH KAISER, Corporal, 7th Infantry Division.

SADAV LANY KAWAMOTO, Private First Class, 25th Division.

CHARLES MARTIN KAYLOR, Private First Class, 1st Marine Division.

GERALD KILBURN, 7th Division.

ROBERT JAMES KILPATRICK, Private First Class, 3rd Division.

JOHN ROBERT KIRBY, Corporal, 1st Marine Division.

JOHN ARTHUR KIRK, 7th Division.

EDWARD S. KLIMAS, Private First Class, 7th Division.

GEORGE FRANKLIN KLINE, Private First Class, 7th Infantry Division.

MILES EARL LAMPHIN, Private First Class, 25th Division.

FRED MARRION LANE, Private First Class, 7th Division.

JOSEPH CLARK LAWSON, Private First Class, 7th Division.

ALBERTO LEDESMA, Private, 1st Cavalry Division.

CHARLES E. LEE, Corporal, 7th Division.

CHARLES W. LEGUEM, 7th Division.

EDWARD RAYMOND LELITO, Private First Class, 7th Division.

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JOSEPH RAYMOND LEVEILEE, Corporal, 7th Division.

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WILLIAM JAY PUTT, 7th Division.
CHARLES E. QUIRING, Private First Class, 1st Marine
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HUGH R. RAPIER, Private First Class, 7th Division.
ROY VIRGE RATHIFF, Corporal, 1st Marine Division.
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RICHARD JOHN RAZUAZA, 1st Marine Division.
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HOMER LEE RICHARDSON, Private First Class, 57th F.A.
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JEORE ROY ROBERSON, 7th Division.
ALBERT JAMES ROBERTS, 1st Marine Division.
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LEON ROCBUCK, Private First Class, 1st Marine Divi-
sion.

PHILLIP E. ROGERS, Private First Class, First Cavalry Division.

QUITERIO ROLDON, Sergeant, 65th Cavalry.

JUNIOR BERT ROSE, Corporal, 7th Division.

EUGENE PAUL ROUSH, Corporal, 7th Division.

JOHN EMMETT RYAN, 3rd Division.

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PASQUALE SANTORO, Corporal, 7th Division.

FRED SARZA JR., 7th Division.

JOE EDWARD SAXON, Corporal, 1st Marine Division.

JAMES HENRY SCHERER, Corporal, 7th Division.

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OREN DEAN SHAFFER, 7th Division.

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EDWARD LEE SKILES, Private First Class, 7th Division.

SABURO SAM SHIMOMURA, Corporal, 1st Marine Division.

GERALD E. SIEBERT, Private, 7th Division.

JOHN VERNES SMITH, Private First Class, 7th Division.

PAUL VINCENT SMITH, 7th Division.

GEORGE SNIPAN, First Lieutenant, 7th Division.

JESSE MILTON SNYDER, Sergeant, 1st Cavalry Division.

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TROY A. WILLIFORD, Private First Class, 1st Marine
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CLIFFORD WILSON, 7th Division.
CLYDE WILSON JR., Private First Class, 7th Division.
MACK EDWARD WINSTEAD, Sergeant First Class, 7th
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RUSSELL BENGAMIN WOODRUFF, 7th Division.
JOSEPH WOZNIAK, Sergeant, 7th Division.
DANIEL DRAKE YESKO, Private First Class, 1st Marine
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Division.

American POW Reports on Peace Meeting

KOREA, Mar. 12—This report is not written by myself but by the recording secretary of the prisoners' committee at a camp in North Korea. So I give you the story as recorded by CHARLES L. HARRISON, Staff Sergeant, U.S. 1st Marine Division:

"It was in a POW camp, somewhere in North Korea.

"There were 279 in all—some belonged to the 41st Independent Commandos, British Royal Marines; Some were Puerto Ricans, from the 65th Regiment, 3rd Division.... But most of them came from the 1st Marine Division and the 7th Division. They were sent to the area around the Choshin Lake to meet death when MacArthur was bragging about the 'total offensive' to 'end the Korean war'.

"Now, after five weeks of discussion, they have come to realise how wrong they were in being over here, fighting such an unjust war only for the war-mongers. To think that they had risked their lives

for nothing is sufficient to arouse their indignation with Truman and MacArthur.

"Since they themselves have witnessed and experienced the devastation and destruction that the Korean war causes, they can realise more fully what war means to the common people. Naturally it is their eager hope to have peace, peace in Korea and peace throughout the world. They earnestly want to live a happy and peaceful life with their own families.

"Therefore, shortly after WILLIAM H. OLSON proposed, on the occasion of an entertainment party, to draw up a peace appeal to the United Nations, an overwhelming majority of the men in this camp voiced their opinion in response to his call and ardently supported his proposal.

"So the prisoners of war had their chance to sign for peace in a grand rally. They had elected their own 'preparation committee' to draw up the peace appeal and to arrange for the rally.

"The 'Grand Rally in Support of Peace' was held on the afternoon of February 11, 1951.

"After Chairman HAMMOND announced the opening of the grand rally, Sergeant OLSON, who had been elected committee member, delivered a speech on behalf of the preparation committee. Next speaker was Major McLAUGHLIN, and then Captain PECKHAM, Corporal WILLIAMS and many others.

"There were also speeches by the guests from the Chinese volunteers and from the Korean people, congratulating them on the progress they had made

during the past five weeks of study and welcoming them to join the fight for lasting world peace.

"When Secretary HARRISON finished reading the draft of the peace appeal to the United Nations, loud yells from the prisoners showed their unanimous approval of it.

"The signing of the appeal followed. Everyone soberly put down his signature on it.

"When the chairman declared that all the men present had signed the appeal, a storm of cheers and whistles again broke out.

"Although the number of 279 is not so big, yet it speaks powerfully against the warmongers, because the very soldiers who only two months ago were fooled by them and risked their lives for them have now realised who defends peace, who is the real aggressor."

"During the meeting, Staff Sergeant OLSON, 31st Regiment, 7th Division, said: 'Yesterday we were fooled and deceived, today we are champions of justice. In signing this appeal we have joined hands with 600 millions of people throughout the world.'

"Major JOHN N. McLAUGHLIN, 10th Army Corps Headquarters told the meeting: 'How many of us realised that the 'U.N.' resolution followed the ordering of U.S. troops into Korea? How many thought of the threat to China involved in the entry of U.S. troops into Korea? Remember the example of the U.S. reaction to the invasion of Canada or Mexico. What was the real significance of the 7th Fleet's being ordered to Taiwan? Did not this involve the

violation of the U.N. Charter? We are drifting toward war in the Far East because of our foreign policy. We are joining with the peoples of the world in our call for peace.'

"Corporal L. J. MAFFIOLI, 1st Tank Battalion, 1st Marine Division, said: 'As each of you sign your name to this appeal today you know that you are doing your part in the historic struggle for peace. But this is just the beginning of our fight. When we return to our homes we shall carry on with the same spirit and interest the struggle for peace in the world and happiness for our own land.'"

May We Be Heard?
—A Statement of 400 POW's

NORTH KOREA, Feb. 1—More than 400 prisoners in a prisoner of war camp here have signed a statement in the title of which they ask the simple question "May we be heard?" I have their signed statement before me now. It is a plea that they may be allowed to tell the American people what they have learned in Korea and to say what they would like to see done about the war in Korea. I give the statement in their own words and at the end their names and serial numbers. Here is the statement:

"We are American soldiers on Korean soil. We have learned some hard lessons in this war and would like to be able to express to the folks at home and our buddies still fighting what we think.

Why were we sent here 5,000 miles across the ocean to fight in a war that had no concern to us or our loved ones, without any regard to the rights of the hard working people of this nation that has suffered so much? Korea has never harmed or threatened our nation or any other nation.

We were told it was a police action. But what has it turned out to be? And how is it going to end?

It has brought ruin to a country that was building itself up after years of oppression. We have seen the effects of indiscriminate bombing of towns and villages. We have seen civilians killed, homeless and starving women and children tramping the roads, refugees in their own country. We have seen our buddies dying on the battlefield and in the snow and ice, without even proper clothing for this climate, without proper burial. What sort of police action is it that destroys a country rather than protects it?

We are ashamed of the part we Americans have played in this senseless war. It has dragged America down and brought only hatred and contempt for us among the people of Asia. It will take many years to wipe out the stain of our action. It will take many years to build up again in Korea what we and the other troops have destroyed in these few months. We feel keenly our collective responsibility for all the suffering caused.

To the big firms, war means profits from aeroplanes, tanks, contracts for army clothing, guns, ammunition and other materials. To us soldiers it means misery, desolation and loss of life and to the folks at home it means the breaking up of the family, high taxes and hardship.

We now see through the deception of this "police action." We are especially disgusted at the order to cross the 38th parallel and the empty promises that we would be home first for Thanksgiving and then for Christmas.

We can understand why the Chinese people have come to the aid of their neighbors, the Koreans. When we pushed on to the Yalu River, their security was threatened by the presence of the American fleet in Formosan waters. The Chinese are a great people. They have always been our friends. They are fighting in a just cause.

We should never have poked our noses in here. We had our own Civil War in the States and would have resented any other country interfering. We are a peace-loving people, we would defend our own homes at utter cost, but we resent being used for a cause such as this. To offset some of the false stories passed around about harsh treatment for our boys by the People's Army, we have this to say: Since our capture we have received the best of treatment from the Chinese and the Koreans. We are receiving the best medical care available and we get as good treatment as any other or their people. Every effort is being made for our welfare.

We say:—

1. Pull the American and all other troops out and leave Korea to the Korean people. Stop this stupid fighting. Save the further lives of Americans and Chinese and Koreans. Let us establish peace again in the world.

2. Permit New China to occupy her rightful place in the United Nations. Our country should recognize the New China. It is a great nation. We

ought to withdraw the 7th Fleet from Chinese waters to prevent further conflict.

3. We appeal that something is done immediately that no more American lives are lost. Stop this senseless, bloody war. We demand a peaceful settlement now. Let us get home where we belong at the earliest possible moment."

Here are the signatories' names and numbers. Many are very poorly written and I have done what I could to check them. There may be some errors. I hope that the information that they are alive and their feelings on the war will be transmitted to their relatives and the American public. Names follow:

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ALFORD R. AGUINE, Sergeant, U.S. 54050058.

CLIFFORD ALLEN, Captain, 0-6311959.

EARNEST ALLEN, Sergeant R.A. 34860853.

WALTER ALLEN, Private First Class, R.A. 34337701.

BERT O. APPLGATE, Sergeant First Class, R.A.
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The presidium representing all ranks, at a general meeting of American prisoners of war held to demand that the U.S. quit Korea. The chairman, an U.S. major, is shown delivering the opening address.

The POW's listen intently to the speeches. The poster at the rear reads: "American aggression in Korea is a threat to world peace."





Prisoners returning from collecting firewood in the hills.

The shaving parade.



Cleaning and pre-
paring vegetables.



Prisoners enjoy good plain food.





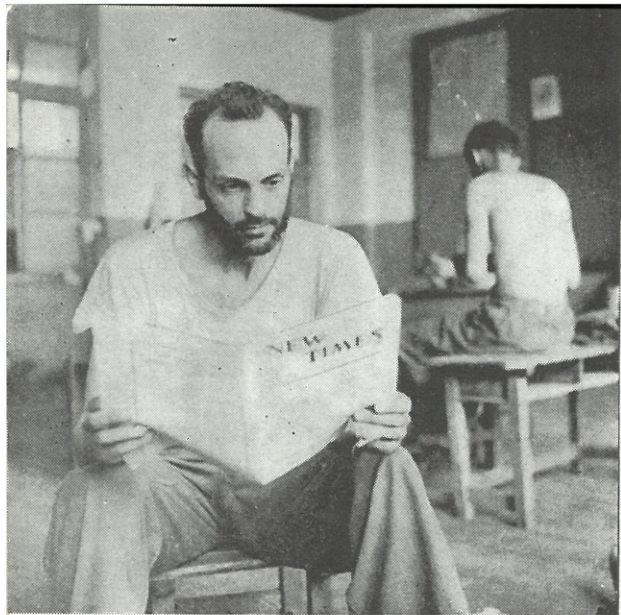
Nurses of the Korean People's
Army on their daily rounds.

A Chinese medical orderly dressing a prisoner's wound.



A wounded Turkish prisoner of war being given medical treatment.





Plenty of time to
read and study.

POW's enjoy reading English books.





"Free and easy" morning exercise.

**An officer of the Chinese volunteers
shakes hands with a Negro POW.**





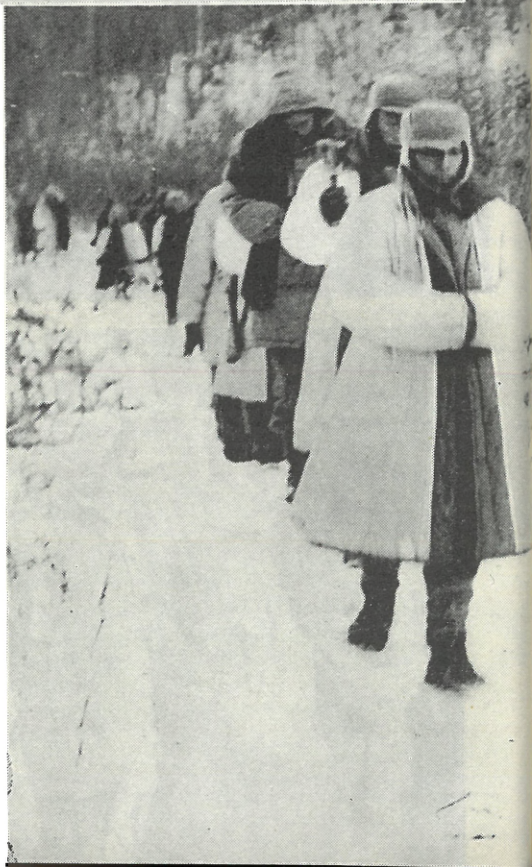
A Chinese volunteer distributes cigarettes.

Groups of the American POW's pose for the camera.





A group of American Negro POW's.

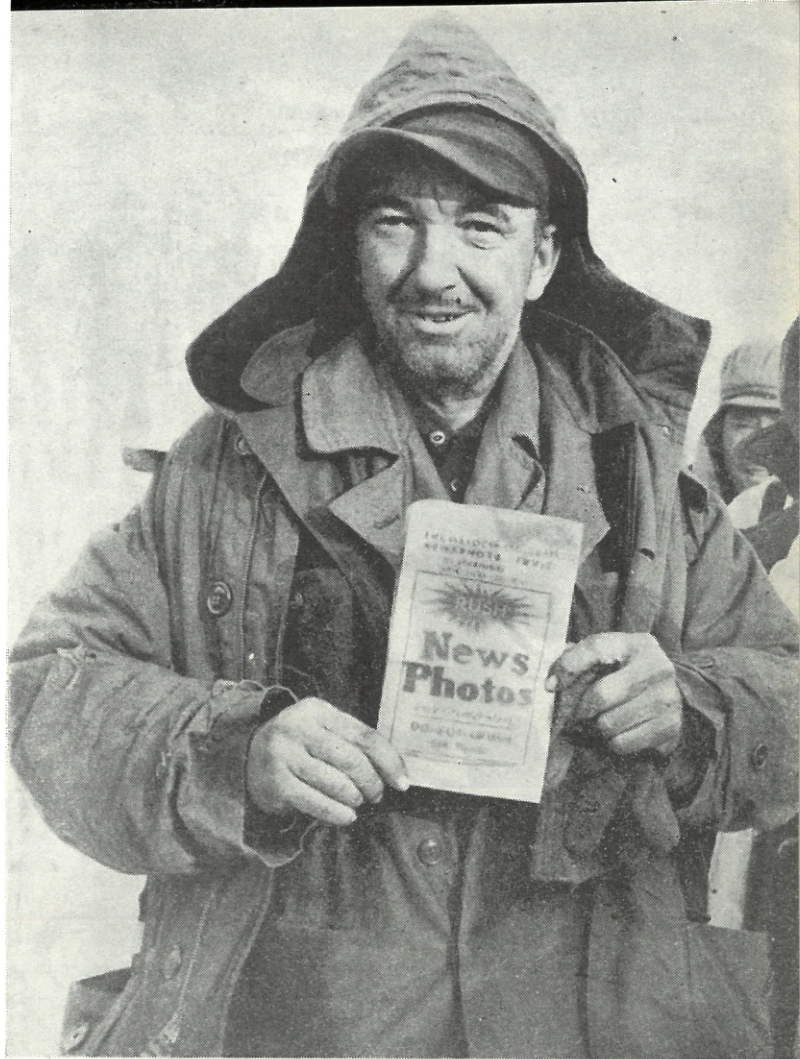


British POW's on their way to a rear camp.



Captured American military advisers to puppet
Syngman Rhee's Army.

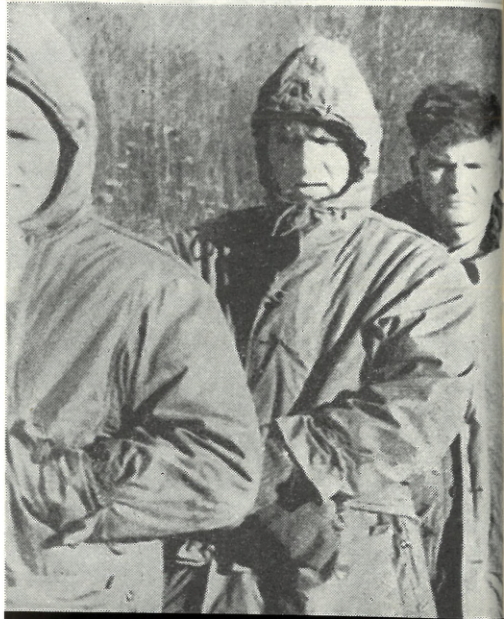




Frank Noel, Associated Press photographer, taken prisoner by the Chinese volunteers.



American prisoners lining up
for the march to the camp.



American POW's trudging
their way to the camp.





A cross section of captured American soldiers among them are many Negroes.

The Voice of American G.I.'s

I

KOREA, Jan. 4—While visiting one of the many prisoner of war camps which are dotted around in the safety of the rear, I was approached by a group of American and British prisoners who asked me to do them a favour. Would I, they asked, accept a statement from them, which they had all discussed and signed, and since I was a journalist, give it publicity. They told me that they all felt very strongly about this, since they had a chance to learn the facts of the Korean war after their capture.

So here is their statement, together with the names and home addresses of the prisoners who signed it:

We, the undersigned, wish to express our appreciation for the humane, courteous and kind treatment extended us by the Chinese volunteers and the North Korean People's Army. We are housed warmly and fed plentifully. We are treated considerately.

We hope for an early and peaceful settlement of the Korean situation and feel that the proper repre-

sentation of the Chinese people on the Security Council of the United Nations will do much toward solving the present Korean conflict.

Signed:

FRANK ERNEST COLD, First Lieutenant, 7th Marine Regiment, aged 31, of 1416 East Mohawk Avenue, Tampa, Florida.

ROBERT C. MESSMAN, First Lieutenant, 1st Marine Division, aged 31, of 1248 Masconic Avenue, San Francisco, California.

JOHN M. McLAUGHLIN, Major, U.S. Marines, aged 32, of 11 West 31st Street, Savannah, Georgia.

GEORGE SNIPAN, 1st Lieutenant, 7th Division, aged 29, of 5617 Cabanne Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri.

HERBERT B. TURNER, 1st Lieutenant, 1st Tank Battalion, 1st Marine Division, aged 29, of 3830 Peakland Place Lynchburg, Virginia.

ERNEST R. REID JR., 1st Lieutenant, 1st Marine Division, aged 25, of P.P. Box 864, Irving, Texas.

FELIX J. MCCOOL, Warrant Officer 1st Marine Division, aged 38, of 129 Carr Drive, Elendale 5, California.

FRANK NOEL, Associated Press Correspondent with the rank of captain, 1st Marine Division, aged 52, of 152 Western Avenue, Albany, New York.

CHARLES L. PECKHAM, Captain, U.S. 7th Infantry Division, aged 31, of 1229 1st Avenue, Acacia Park Alisal Monterey County, California.

- ALAN L. LLOYD, 1st Lieutenant, 1st Marine Division, aged 26, of 2274th Avenue, Iuantico, Virginia.
- GEORGE P. SHEDD, 1st Lieutenant, U.S. 3rd Infantry Division, aged 24, of 3951 Old Shell Road, Springhill, Alabama.
- SAM SHIMOMURA, Corporal, Headquarters, 1st Marine Division, aged 23, of 2915 Pingree Avenue, Ogden Utah.
- RAY HIKIDA, P.F.C., aged 25, of 1531 North La Salle, Chicago, Illinois.
- RAYMOND BUCK, Sergeant First Class, U.S. 3rd Division, aged 28, of 1647 North Street, Rochester, New York.
- EDWARD L. SMITH, H.M.C. 1st Marine Division, aged 29, of 1085 Alexandria Drive, San Diego 7, California.
- TERENCE R. DARBY, 41st Independent Commando Royal Marines, aged 21, of 32 Beechwood Avenue, Kew Gardens, Richmond, Surrey, England.
- JOSEPH E. GOODMAN, 41st Independent Commando Royal Marines, aged 19, of 27 Hilmartøn Calne Wiltshire, England.
- JAMES E. SHORMAN, Master Sergeant, U.S. 7th Division, aged 36, of 13 Ogden Street, New Jersey.
- TROY A. WILLIFORD, P.F.C. 1st Marine Division, aged 20, of Post Box 256, B. Middelsoford.
- WAYNE R. PICKETT, Corporal, 1st Marine Division, aged 22, of 4509 McCulloch Street, Duluth, Minnesota.

ROBERT L. BATDORFF, P.F.C. 1st Marine Division, aged 19, of 735 Gould Street, Toledo 5, Ohio.

JOHN A. HARINE (or Haring), P.F.C. 1st Marine Division, aged 18, of 532 West Chumeng Street, Painted Post, New York.

GEORGE H. VANN, P.F.C. 11th Marines, aged 21, of 607 17th Street, Ensley, Alabama.

GEORGE L. HADDEN, Master Sergeant 3rd Division, aged 29, of 208 East Wabash Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona.

JOHN J. JOHNSON JR., Corporal, 3rd Marine Division, age not given, in care F. Botavia, Ohio, Post Box 62.

CHARLES E. QUIRING, P.F.C. 1st Marine Division, aged 21, of 10832 Greville Avenue, Ingle Wood, California.

DANIEL D. YESKO, P.F.C. 1st Marine Division, aged 20, of 2456 A. North Humbolt Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

JOSE A. MARQUEZ (writing unclear), of 221 Buena Vista, Raton, New Mexico.

EDWARD G. WILKINS, P.F.C. 1st Marine Division, aged 22, of 1817 Woodland Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa.

YUN YONG-HE, (Korean) 1st Marine Division, interpreter, of Kwon Dong, Inchon.

II

KOREA, Jan. 25—I did not write the following article, it was written by an American prisoner of war here to explain his feelings about the war. He is HENRY C. CORNER, who asks also for his family to be contacted and told that he is well through a friend's address since he has lost the address of his family's new apartment. The friend is GEORGE VAN LUVANEE, Reading Terminal, (Room 312) 12th and Market Streets, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Here is the story of CORNER's experiences, written by himself:

I was crawling slowly, carefully along the side of the road in a ditch when it happened. A hot sharp pain through my right thigh, so intense that it momentarily stunned me. I don't remember very clearly whether I cried out or not. But I knew I was wounded.

I stopped crawling and lay down near another guy who also appeared to have been hit. I don't know how long we lay there—it seemed an eternity—until

the battle decreased in intensity, but I was cold and scared and in pain. Eventually the battle moved past us, going far down the hill.

After a while a Chinese soldier came along and took my weapon. After he left, I really began to be frightened, I had always heard that were I ever to surrender to the Korean or Chinese troops, I should be very badly treated—probably shot. Most American troops had this same understanding.

I guess they told us that deliberately, so that we would fight to the end. So you can imagine what fears I had for my life.

As I was worrying, another wounded man near me began screaming. We tried to quiet him but it was useless—he was delirious, nearly dead and couldn't even hear us. However, two Chinese soldiers came to see what was happening. I tried to pretend I was dead, but I was cold and scared and shaking like a leaf. Dead men don't shiver.

So the Chinese laughed and helped me to my feet. They took another man and me and half carried us up the hill to where other Chinese troops were gathered. We expected the worst at any moment. At the top of the hill, a soldier came up to us, shook hands and handed us a leaflet in English which promised us good treatment for ourselves and our personal property. I felt a little better, not much, though—I was still skeptical.

We moved on, and picked up more American captives—so many I was surprised. We wounded—

there were only seven of us—were separated out and put on trucks with the Chinese wounded. Early in the morning we arrived at the hospital, set up in a Korean village, or rather, a group of villages.

At once, doctors and nurses came, dressed everyone's wounds and made us as comfortable as possible. Then in came breakfast. I didn't realise just how hungry I had become. That meal—the hot steaming rice, vegetables and pork—was honestly one of the best I have ever eaten.

About this time I began to lose my fears. I reasoned that if they were going to mistreat or kill me, would they be treating this way?

I learned a lot in the next few days, how to roll cigarettes, Chinese style, a few words of Chinese and, what surprised me, that the Chinese did not regard me, an individual, as an enemy.

I was also surprised to see that all the Chinese were happy and believed in their government and supported it. I had often read and heard that the people of Communist nations, the Soviet Union, China, Poland and others were oppressed semi-slaves, did not support their governments and would welcome "liberation" by the Americans. I was to learn more about the New China, though.

One day, one of the soldiers who knew a little English brought some sheets of paper, a pencil and an agile mind and we talked. He drew a picture of night and people in ragged clothes, with the KMT flag over

it. Then he drew well-dressed and happy people working in the bright sun under the flag of the New China. Through his pictures and few words I learned that the Chinese people regarded not me, nor my buddies as their enemies but only the Wall Street financiers, the rich monopolists, as their foe. I began to realise that they, and not the people of Korea and China, were my enemies also.

Later I was given brand new Chinese winter clothing to replace our clothing which was not adequate for the Korean winter. The hospital commander used to visit us every day. He always brought us tobacco and sometimes cookies and cleaned us up. We liked him very much.

The food in the hospital was delicious. I enjoy rice and sometimes we had noodles and once chicken and laobin (a flat griddle cake, cooked on oil—Editor). Was that meal delicious!

When I had to leave the hospital, I was sad at leaving buddies who were not yet fully well and the kindly personnel who had taken such good care of us. But I at least knew this—that whatever lay ahead, the people of Korea and China were not my enemies and would treat us as well as they could.

I regard the time spent in the hospital as well spent. I learned that Communism does not mean war; that it does not mean oppression but on the contrary is an expression of the will of the people; and that the people of New China, like the Russians, Poles, Czechs and others, did not plan any aggression or

desire war, but only want to build better nations and live in peace with the rest of the world.

I came away from the hospital with the desire to learn more of the heroic struggle of the people of China and to learn about their new way of government—their new way of life.

III

KOREA, Jan. 28—"Tell the neighbours—give up the fight here so we can come home!" That is the message of United States Air Force Sergeant PHILIP AARONSON to his parents in the United States. AARONSON is a prisoner of war in Korea. Here are his message and an Open Letter to personnel of United States Air Force which he wrote, requesting that they be made public.

First, here is the letter to his folks from Staff Sergeant PHILIP AARONSON, A.F. 13158602. It is addressed to Mr. and Mrs. HYMAN M. AARONSON, 2128 North 3rd Street, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania: "Dearest Mother and Dad: This is the first chance I have had to write since I have been a captive. I am being well treated and am in good health. I hope it won't be much longer before I shall once again be home with you. Naturally that depends on the end of the war, and the sooner it is over the better I shall feel.

"I hope that you and the family shall do all you can to tell the neighbours and responsible people, to give up the fight here, so that we can come home. Also send card or letter to FERN HELLER at 503 Tasker Street, Philadelphia, and let her know I am well. Till I come home, bless you all and keep your chins up, as I shall. I remain, your loving son, Phil."

The Open Letter written by Staff Sergeant PHILIP AARONSON is addressed to personnel of the United States Air Force.

It begins: "This letter is especially written to the combat crews of the B-29 bombers that are operating over Korea, and in general to all personnel in the air force. I was a gunner on a B-29 on 13 missions over Korea. I feel obligated to relate to you my experiences and observations since our aircraft was shot down on November 10, 1950 in the Yalu River region. Our aircraft took off from Okinawa, in the early hours of dawn, and soon we found ourselves over Korea. At 11:30 hours we were over our target. As the bombardier adjusted the bomb sight and the bomb bay opened, we knew that our bombs would soon fall on some innocent people below. But at that time we had no personal feeling as we were following orders.

"We were anxious to get away from the target and start back home. But a few seconds later, the situation changed completely. Out of the skies came a formation of jet fighters and suddenly our aircraft is aflame from end to end. We are forced to bail out.

Out of the crew of 12, only three survived. And here is what happened to me.

“We had always been told that we would be killed if taken prisoners by the North Koreans or Chinese volunteers. This I now know is false. When I landed on the ground, I was promptly taken prisoner, but instead of being shot, I was given a cigarette and told that no harm would come to me. Then I was led to a headquarters, where I was given food and allowed to rest my nerves. When I felt better, I was told that two other crew members were captured and would join me soon. At no time were we mistreated or harmed and in fact, we were pleasantly surprised by the kindness of our captors. At this camp, we were given clothing because ours was inadequate. This was another gesture of kindness and friendship with which we were always treated.

“From the moment of my capture, I have observed the actions of my captors, and begun to think more about this war. I am becoming more acquainted with the issues in Korea, which point to the fact that the American forces are the aggressors in Korea.

“I have seen the devastation of towns and villages throughout this part of Korea, and observed the thousands of children made homeless by the bombing of the air force on non-military targets. Thousands of dead that I saw could have been spared.

“I took part in bringing about this situation, and now that I am closer to it, my heart feels remorse and shame for the tragedy I see each day unfolding before

my eyes. I ask you to think very hard as you fly over Korea to cause this damage. I am sure you will not feel proud of the part you are playing in this conflict —of the untold deaths you are causing for an unworthy reason.

“I feel that we Americans are being led astray for an unjust cause. Our fight is not with the Korean people, and the sooner we get out of here, and back home, where the real battle should be fought to oust the big politicians and Wall Street bankers and war-mongers out of American Government, then the sooner Americans will regain the prestige we are losing each day we stay in Korea. The Korean people do not regard the American people as their enemy. They do hold responsible the high leaders of the Government who are corrupt and misleading the people. The Korean people are not at war with us, and do not wish to harm us in any way. Their fight here is a family one, and should be settled by them alone without any outside interference from us.

“You can help our situation, by remembering your families back home that are safe and wanting you to be there with them, so you should do everything in your power to get us out of here and back home.

“One way to promptly get our prisoners home is to bring this situation to a prompt end by leaving Korea to the Koreans. The Americans have no business being here.”

The letter was signed Staff Sergeant PHILIP
AARONSON. A.F. 13158602.

307th Bomb Group (M).
371st Bomb Squadron (M).
A.P.O. 239-1.

IV

KOREA, Jan. 30—What would the average G.I. say if he were allowed to talk? There are many American prisoners at this camp, where I have been spending some time finding out how they are thinking. And they are thinking very hard.

The views of the American soldier about the war in Korea may surprise the American public. Since the American soldier cannot talk for himself, owing to censorship, I propose to do so for them.

In this and later articles, I will give extracts from these prisoners' letters to their families. They want to get the maximum publicity for their views—for reasons which are obvious from their statements. So here they are—"The Voice of American G.I.'s":

"It would be in the best interests of world peace if you will contact the press and public officials to urge the U.N. to hasten a peaceful settlement of the Korean conflict. Furtherly the New China should be given a seat in the U.N. and the old China represented by the Kuomintang unseated. Also urge the government

officials to remove the 7th Fleet from Formosa and stop further interference there. These actions are important and must be done. The attitude of my captors has been most kind....” From Captain CLIFFORD ALLEN to his wife, Mrs. CLARA ALLEN, 732, East 27th Street, Los Angeles, California.

“I am receiving the best of treatment and in the best of health. See what you can do back there to end this affair over here. It is a useless war. Many innocent people are being killed.” From Sergeant STANLEY F. BARTHOLOMEW to his wife at General Delivery, American Lake Gardens, Tacoma, Washington.

“The Chinese are wonderful people. I wish you would contact all your friends and have them get on to Congress so they hurry up and get this war over with. We have no place over here. The people over here can straighten out their own affairs. The harder you and your friends work, the sooner we will be home.” JOSEPH GANTT, writing to his wife, Mrs. JOSEPH GANTT at 1190, East 50th Street, Los Angeles 11, California.

“I am alright and in good hands. I guess I’ll be coming home as soon as the people in the States rise up and tell Congress what they think of this foolishness in Korea. There are a lot of guys that aren’t so lucky as me and won’t get to come home. Don’t worry about me. Worry about the boys fighting over here. Get them home and us too.” From GEORGE HANCOCK to Mr. and Mrs. GEORGE HANCOCK, Hegins Road, Berbe

or Zerbe, Pennsylvania. This soldier's number is R.A. 13309076.

"Show and let the neighbours read this letter and convince them that this war over here was none of our affair and we should of never stuck our noses into it. I am getting the best treatment that can possibly be obtained." This message is simply signed VERNET and is addressed to Miss IVA JACOBS, Route 1, Box 185 Glenwood, Minnesota.

"They are treating me wonderful. Our food is good and they are really friendly. One thing, they do not want war. They are peace-loving people. I only hope that you and all the rest of the Americans could do something to have the U.N. stop this dam war. I was treated very good at X'mas. We had pork, beef, rice, corn and good hot broth. It was swell. Don't forget to get busy and have the dam U.N. stop this silly war." Signed JOHN to his father JOHN LAVELLE, 52, Lincoln Place, Brooklyn, 17, New York.

"This whole damn affair has been a crazy unnecessary nightmare. More killing and damage for not one good reason." Signed JIM, from Master Sergeant J. E. OVEREND to Mrs. TERESA OVEREND, 539, Newark Avenue, Jersey City, New Jersey.

"The attitude of our captors has been most amicable. Dearest...advise everyone through the press and public officials to urge a peaceful settlement of this Korean conflict. All foreign troops should be withdrawn from Korea immediately." Signed BILL, from Captain WILLIAM R. SHADISH, to his wife, Mrs.

WILLIAM SHADISH, 135—16 Horace Harding Blvd,
Flushing, New York.

That is just a random selection of the sort of things that a very big proportion of prisoners write home. Most of these men have been captured a relatively short time but have had a chance to see the sort of bestiality committed by their army. They say: "Of course, most guys want to get out of the fighting, but don't see any way. We are told we shall be killed if we are captured so when you're in the ranks it seems to be a case of kill or get killed. We tried not to think about it. If only the other G.I.'s and the folks at home could know the truth, MacArthur would soon find himself without an army."

V

KOREA, Feb. 2—Most of the messages which prisoners of war ask to be relayed to their families contain sharp references to the need to end the war swiftly and peacefully. Here are parts of the written messages which will be forwarded to their relatives in the United States.

“I am being treated just fine but, honey, there is one thing I would like for you to do for me. Write to the statesmen or the Congressmen and try to get some of the people there to do something about this war for we don’t need to be here and I think we should let the Korean people think this out for themselves. Do something there at home to cause folks to start thinking.” From GERALD NEIGHBORS to Mrs. SHIRLEY NEIGHBORS, Box 106, Hereford, Texas.

“Say, folks, why don’t you try and see some Congressmen about using his influence in Washington to get this war over.” From FRITZ KVALE to Mr. O. V. KVALE, Onamia, Minnesota,

"Honey, it is very important that you do as I say and have all of my people and yours write to our Congressmen and urge them to make a peace with the Chinese. The Chinese are very kind and considerate. Please do not worry." From CARL HELMS to Mrs. CARL HELMS, Box 145, Blair, Nebraska.

"See our Congressmen and try to get them to pull the troops out. The sooner they pull out, the sooner this war will be over. So please try to do what you can. Tell everyone to help." From DUANE BRASWELL to Mrs. T. D. BRASWELL, Crossett, Arkansas, Route 1, Box 163.

Two others write to their mothers on the same lines:

J. BRANTON to Mrs. TRULY BRANTON, 604, Drake Street, Statesville, North Carolina and GEORGE SHAFFER to Mrs. FLORENCE SHAFFER, 447, Clark Street, S. Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

Another, the author of the article I dispatched the other day, HENRY C. CORNER writes to his parents in care VAN LUVANCE, Reading Terminal (Room 312) 12th and Market Streets, Philadelphia. He says: "I hope that you and other citizens can do something—or say something—which may help to bring this senseless war to a complete and speedy end. I feel that I cannot stress this point too strongly because the war has not done a thing but ruin Korea. The Chinese are treating us all very nicely even though conditions are rough here due to the way the U.S. Air Force is operating."

All these letters show signs that the prisoners are talking among themselves and trying to think of the best action that their folks at home can take to end the war. And they seem to have come down hard on the side of pressure on the Congress.

VI

KOREA, Feb. 3—Continuing my reports from this prisoner of war camp, here I give another sample of the “Voice of the American GIs”—what most GIs would say if their mouths were not shut by MacArthur’s censorship. These are conveyed in messages to their relatives in the States, which I have been asked to forward. All of them also say, in various ways, that they are being well treated and that their relatives should not worry about their personal well-being.

“We should get our troops out of Korea and let the Koreans settle it for themselves. We should have got out long ago. Do all you can for peace.” From Captain JAMES C. WILLIAMS to his wife at Box No. 133, Warner, Oklahoma.

“Why did the U.N. let us down, Ruby? Why should we be over here losing thousands of our own troops needlessly? Why did the U.N. go back on their own word and cross the 38th parallel. Ruby, darling, do everything and say everything you can

to help stop this war now." From JAMES E. STEVENS to his wife OLGA at 3821 North (?) 8th Street, Tacoma 6, Washington.

"This Korean affair was one of the biggest mistakes of all time and the United Nations should have kept their noses out of it." From ROLAND V. SUND, First Lieutenant to his wife at Box 75, Buffalo, Iowa.

"The first mistake I feel was coming to Korea. Our next mistake was going over the 38th parallel. I believe and we all believe that the only solution now is to legislate for a speedy peaceful solution. This can only be accomplished by early removal of all foreign troops from Korea." From Captain EDWIN EKLUND to his wife, care of B. O'NEILL, 20, Park Drive, Bel Harbour, Miami Beach, Florida.

Others sending similar messages, asking their relatives to take action to end the war are:

Corporal WESLEY MURRAY to Mrs. VIRGINIA PARKER, 753, West 171st Street, New York 31.

Sergeant THOMAS CRAYTON to his wife at 1130 Concho Street, Austin, Texas.

First Lieutenant EDWIN SIEDLER to his parents at 1946 Berkley Avenue, Cincinnati 37, Ohio.

Captain ALFRED Q. ELLIS to his wife at 1423 South 51st Street, Tacoma, Washington.

VII

KOREA, Feb. 11—I can do no better today than lead this instalment of the “Voice of the American GIs” with a message from Captain STEPHEN T. UURTAMO to his wife and children in America. His wife, BEATRICE, lives at 733, Washington Street, Allentown, Pennsylvania. This is what Captain UURTAMO says to them:

“This bad dream could have been avoided through realisation of the right of peoples to live in peace without interference of strong armed nations. Both Joe and Bill could come to the fore by teaching their congregations the stupidity shown by the United Nations in their open aggression in Korea. The United States wants awakening. We should long ago have recognised Communist China—we should have insisted on non-intervention in Formosa—We should have kept out of Korea and let the Koreans solve their own problems. In short we must learn to respect others and their rights. Too much of our actions in the past have pointed to the attitude of hurrah for

us and to hell with others. Bea, you must do what you can and get everyone to expend all efforts to end this senseless war."

Following are other extracts from prisoners' messages home, showing what the average GI really thinks about the war in Korea.

James LEMASTER, CORPORAL, R. A. 15421651 writes to Mrs. PLENNIE LEMASTER of Barnetts Creek, Kentucky:

"Pray that the United Nations will realise how wrong they are. Please don't worry I am O.K."

GERALD DAVEY, Corporal, R. A. 17246484 writes to Mrs. DAVEY, 2545, Davenport Street, Omaha, Nebraska: "The only way is for our troops to pull out. So maybe if enough people get on the ball and start writing Congressmen, this thing will end."

Master Sergeant BRUNO BEVIVINO R. A. 6977339 writes to his wife GERALDINE BEVIVINO, 902 South 109th Street, Tacoma, Washington: "We have no business here, Gerry, and I sure am going to let people know about the dirty rotten deal we gave these people . . . going to preach what a rotten deal this was till I get it out of my system. I love you, Bruno."

Master Sergeant WILLIAM POWELL R. A. 6862519 to his wife Mrs. WILLA POWELL, Apartment 32A Lane B, Garden Dale, Garden City, Kansas. "Dearest darling, sit down and write to Washington to ask them to please stop this worthless war. We all know by now that we Americans did wrong by coming to Korea."

Master Sergeant ROY GORDON R. A. 20717114 writes to his wife at 1436, East 46th Street, Tacoma, Washington. "We all feel bad because of this war. I feel that it should never have been at all. It is the general thought that all our people, you at home, that is, should do all you can by trying to stop the fighting here and get the troops out of Korea."

Corporal ALBERT DIXON 34063680 writes to his wife Mrs. ANNIE DIXON at P.O. Box 203, Manchester, Georgia:

"I hope to be home soon as our big shots leave these people alone and keep their noses out of other people's affairs. When I come home we have lots to make up. I promise I won't fight another war unless it's for my home." This soldier gives an alternate address for his wife at 512, O'Connee Street in Manchester.

Second Lieutenant RILEY BRUNER 0-2262349 writes to his mother Mrs. BLANCE BRUNER, Route 2, Lamar, Oklahoma: "Guess we should never have been committed to Korea. The best and quickest way of getting the whole problem solved is through the press. Do as much as you can."

VIII

KOREA, Feb. 16—Most American prisoners, writing home, ask their relatives to take some action to get the war ended in Korea. In these messages home the prisoners express the real "Voice of the American GI's" and they ask that the maximum publicity be given to their views.

Corporal ROSCOE PERRY, R.A. 34406168, writing to his wife, at 1015 East 7th Street, Columbus, Georgia, says:

"The Chinese volunteers have not harmed me or taken any of my personal belongings. They are trying very hard to make things as pleasant as possible and improve our living conditions. They do not blame us for being over here and destroying Korea. Instead they blame the big businessmen of America. I too see no reason for being over here. I have lost nothing here. Nothing I hold dear is being threatened over here. I say let the Koreans settle their own dispute and return me and my buddies home to our loved ones. After seeing some of the dead and homeless civilians

in small villages that had no part in this fight I am ashamed to say I am part of the team responsible for this havoc."

Sergeant WILLIAM GEYER, R.A. 46012153, writes to his wife 7431½ Tacoma Avenue, Tacoma, Washington, asking her to rally the neighbours and launch an appeal to end the war. He says:

"These people only want us to go home and keep our noses out of their business. We should never have struck it here in the first place. So I beg you, Darling, to use your influence."

LEONARD HARTWELL writes to his wife at 6423 South Stevens Street, Tacoma 9, Washington:

"I wonder what the American people are thinking about this Korean war now. Well, the boys here are not saying too much. They sure have had enough of this. Let these people settle their own problems."

PAUL MILLER, writes to his wife, care of ELLIS B. JACKS, Route No. 1, Meridianville, Alabama:

"We should never have been sent over here to fight these people who don't even want us around. It was all a big mistake in the first place. Try to get people back home to end this war and get New China a seat in the United Nations as permanent member."

Sergeant LLOYD SCONBERG, R.A. 37161582, writes to his brother and sisters at Renville, Minnesota:

"I wish everyone in America will put up a big struggle for peace and to keep trying to have all troops withdrawn from Korea."

Private JAMES MILLER writes to his parents at 560 Fallis Road Columbus 2, Ohio:

"I am getting sick of all this and hope you people at home are doing something about this."

The following prisoners of war all ask their folks to write to Congressmen and other people to try to secure a peaceful settlement of the Korean war:

Sergeant HERMAN PEDERSON, R.A. 16273911, to his family at 116 3rd Street, S.W. Minot, North Dakota.

Corporal DELBERT BYROM, 37209448, to his sister Mrs. PAERLINA WILSON, 137, Stewart Avenue, Kansas City.

Master Sergeant PORCHES WRIGHT R.A. 34587249, to his wife at 54 Lincoln Street, Battle Creek, Michigan.

Master Sergeant JAMES WILLIAMS, R.A. 34004753, to his wife at 5426 North Villere Street, New Orleans.

Private JAMES VENERIS to his parents at 760 York Avenue, Hawthorne, California.

IX

KOREA, Mar. 7—American prisoners of war here are becoming increasingly anxious that their relatives and neighbours should get into action in the U.S. to put an end to the Korean war and get a peaceful solution of the whole Far Eastern situation.

Here are some of the messages they want to send to their families and friends. They are typical of the attitude of the men who have been most closely engaged in the events they are discussing.

CLYDE WILSON JR., Private First Class, R.A. 35880265 (This soldier's address indecipherable) writes to his family:

"Folks, this is for the whole neighbourhood, the whole State, it is what everyone should start working on. We are fighting for a worthless cause over here. Why are we fighting 5,000 miles from home over here—young innocent American boys that should be back in school. Why is the U.S. Navy and Air Force on and around the Chinese island of Formosa which was returned to the Chinese people after World War II.

"If these questions were studied and honest and truthful things done about them there would be a peaceful settlement to the whole Far East problem.

"I want everyone to study and discuss this letter and get the ball rolling. The sooner people wake up to what is happening right under their nose the sooner they will start working on a peaceful settlement of the Far East problem. Folks, I'm relying on you to get the ball rolling.

"In the hands of the Chinese volunteers I have learned the true meaning of friendship. I would never have made it but for their good treatment and care. With all their supply and transport problems they have managed to give us warm clothing, the same rations as they get—three meals a day—tobacco and cigarettes, soap, towel, tooth-brush and paste, and thorough good medical care. In other words, it's Al treatment we are getting."

TOMMY BEAN writes to his family at 1819 Riverside River Road, Reading, Pennsylvania:

"I want you to do me and a million other people a good deed. I want you to write to the mothers and wives of the other GIs and between all of you putting things in the paper and raising Cain about the boys in Korea fighting for no reason at all you can speed our journey home.

"We haven't any business here. We do all the fighting and get shot and the big wheels pull in all the money. It's Truman and MacArthur's fault. It seems like they're trying to start another war."

JOSEPH PREOLA writes to his mother Mrs. CRUISE, 140 Hobart Avenue, Bayonne, New Jersey:

"We all want peace but we can't get it with Truman and the rest. If everybody gets together we can get this war over with and live in peace. I know you can do something to stop it."

DONALD TRUDO writes to his family at 2642 Hillyeo, Detroit:

"I know you read in the papers about mothers' protesting about their sons and I think it's about time that the people back home are thinking about doing something for their sons over here."

To the NISSLE FAMILY from "son," 375 West 67th Street, Jacksonville, Florida:

"I read about the mothers' marching to Washington to get their sons out of Korea and, mother, they are right for America has no business in Korea. The Chinese sure are nice. You can tell they don't want war for they are talking of peace all the time."

Similar messages and greetings to their folks come from:

IRVIN EDWARDS to Mrs. WILLIAM HERREL, Broad Run, Virginia.

HOMER RICHARDSON to Mrs. J. R. RICHARDSON, Route 2, Box 29, Alexandria.

JIMMIE DUNN to his family at Murphy, Oklahoma.

VESPER MILLSPAUGH to his wife at P.O. Box 1271 Lawton, Oklahoma.

GEORGE HOOK to his mother at Route 3, Aiken, South
Carolina.

DOUGLAS TANNER to his mother, 179 River Road.
Grand View on Hudson, New York.

Prisoners' Messages to Their Families

From S. to Mrs. S. W. Foss,
818 East Las Animas Street,
Colorado Springs, Colorado

NORTH KOREA, Dec. 25—The following letter, addressed to his wife by a captured American soldier who signs himself S, was given to me to post. It is addressed to Mrs. S. W. Foss, 818 East Las Animas Street, Colorado Springs, Colorado and dated December 15, 1950. The soldier gave me permission to publish its contents. Here it is in full:

My Dearest.

Just a few lines to let you know that I am alive and in good health. I am now a captive of the Chinese and have been very well treated. I was wounded again in the neck, but the Chinese doctors fixed me up and I am fine now. I know you must be worried about me, but you can rest easy now as I am being very well treated, have good food and am inside out of the weather. I am happy that the fighting is over for me and hope that it will soon be over for everybody so that they may all go home. Of course I do not know

how long I will be here, but hope I will be able to get home before the baby is born. Please tell mom and dad that I am all right and am being well treated so that they will not worry. The Chinese have been more than kind to me and give every indication of continuing the same treatment. Do not know when I will be able to write again but do not worry I am in the best of health and outside of missing you so very much, feel swell. The weather here has been very cold, but we are inside of a building and have a fire at night which takes the chill out of the air. Our only big problem is cigarettes but the Chinese are trying to exchange our money in the bank so that we can buy some. They have been very kind to all of us in all respects. About all for now Darling I hope I will be able to write again soon—and of course hoping very much the war will soon be over so that I can come home to you and our child. Again do not worry, we are getting the best of treatment. Give my love to mom and dad and tell them not to worry I am fine and will be home soon.

All of my love, Darling, S.

From Chuck to Mrs. Charles L. Gill,
7418 Jefferson Street,
Kansas City, Missouri

KOREA, Jan. 8—Today I came across a wounded war prisoner, now nearly recovered, who asked me to try to get a letter to his folks in America. He was very worried because he was known to have been wounded and in a tight spot and felt sure that he would be reported dead. Here are the relevant parts of his letter, addressed to Mrs. CHARLES L. GILL of 7418 Jefferson Street, Kansas City 5, Missouri:

Hi Gal, well I never thought I would find myself in the fix I'm in now. You most likely by now have the telegram that says I am missing in action. I'm a P.O.W. but I'm all right. I have a bullet in each leg and one in the arm but they are taking care of them for me. Please don't worry, they aren't bad to us at all, they give us food and cigarettes and they say we shall not be harmed.

I don't know if this will get to you or not so I shall just pray that it will get through. Tell the family

I'm all right and not to worry. I'm not dead but could have been very easy. It's a long story about how and where but I'll tell you about it when I see you as I'm sure I will. Darling I miss you very much and wish to God that this all ends and we can start our life again. Do me a favour, a master sergeant Harvest carried me out of ambush we were in, please write to his folks for me and tell them he's all right and not hurt—we will come home together. His address is: Mr. and Mrs. A. A. HARVEY, Box 34 Franklin, Missouri, Tel. I.F. 42.

This is all the paper I have so I will have to stop. I love you darling and miss you so much. I believe the government will send all of my pay and I may be a first lieutenant now so you'll be all right. Goodbye for now. Love always, Chuck.

From John C. Harlan
To Mrs. Mildred T. Harlan,
1701 Caroline Street,
Baltimore City, Maryland

NEAR THE KOREAN FRONT, Jan. 10—He was one of a group of war prisoners going north to the rear. They were sitting at the roadside resting, with some Chinese volunteers.

His eyes caught mine and I sat down for a chat.

"Hullo, What's your name?" I asked.

"John C. Harlan."

"Designation?"

"Major, 3rd Battalion, 9th Regiment of the 2nd American Division. I was the executive officer there."

"What do you think of your treatment as a war prisoner?"

"You're kind, I'll say. Cigarettes, and whatever medical treatment you have."

"Thinking of home?"

“Every minute.”

“You will be able to go home some time.”

His face brightened. “You really think so?”

He told me that he had graduated from Harvard and had been for more than 10 years a teacher of history until the outbreak of the Pacific War.

“I’ve had enough of war. I want peace, and home.”

“Why were you in the army then?”

“I had no say in the matter. What the government says, goes.”

“Oh. What do you know about China?”

“The Chinese leader is Mao Tse-tung. The Chinese are a civilised people. I don’t know too much about them.”

I tried to explain to him that the Chinese people only want to protect peace and the fruits of their long struggles. That was why they volunteered to help Korea against the American invaders.

“But America and China used to be friends,” he said.

“And still are,” I answered, “if you mean the Chinese and the American peoples. But the American Government is always hostile to us. Perhaps you

know your aeroplanes have been over China time and again, reconnoitring, bombing and strafing?"

"A sort of accident, maybe."

"American planes came constantly, bombing, strafing and reconnoitring in Northeast China and along the border between China and Korea. In four months up to the end of December there were 328 such air invasions. Were all these accidental, do you think?"

He was silent.

Two guards were detailed to take the prisoners back further. They set off in single file and I strolled along to finish my talk. Suddenly four U.S. fighters roared over, diving and machine-gunning in turn. When we got out of the ditch by the road, I said: "Your planes." "Not mine," he said, "I hate them too."

Later on, I discovered that his home address was No. 1701, Caroline Street, Baltimore City, Maryland. He was carrying a letter to his wife MILDRED T. HARLAN dated December 18, hoping to get it sent somehow. He showed it to me and it said:

"My Dearest Wife MILDRED, This is my second letter to you since my capture to let you know that I am well as can be under the circumstances. My wounds are almost healed but my feet were frozen and I cannot walk very good. The Chinese people's voluntary forces are very kind to me. They share

their food and tobacco with me, and whatever medical aid that is possible. I will soon be moved to a camp where with other prisoners I may be released in due time. It is very cold here. Take care of yourself and the children. Help me to pray for lasting peace and a safe return home. John.'

From William E. Elliott
To Mrs. W. E. Elliott,
Route 2, Vaiden, Missouri

KOREA, Jan. 11—The following is a further letter which an American prisoner asked me to send home to Mrs. W. E. ELLIOTT, Route 2 Vaiden, Missouri: Dearest Sweet Wife and Children, I don't know if you will get this or not but hope you will. I am now a prisoner of war and am being treated very good so please don't worry about me as I will be O.K. They are giving us plenty to eat so guess that is the main thing. Kiss the kids every day for me. Send this on to mother so she will know I am O.K. and being treated good. I love you all very much. Hope everything will be over soon so I can see all of you once more. With all my love, your husband and daddy Ernest.

The signatory is Sergeant WILLIAM E. ELLIOTT
R. A. 6956050.

From Robert Sheppard to
Mrs. Vivian Sheppard,
9 Crowell Street, Brockton,
Massachusetts

KOREA, Jan. 16—Here is a further letter from an American prisoner to his home. He is ROBERT SHEPPARD, 21294853, writing to his mother, Mrs. VIVIAN SHEPPARD, of 9 Crowell Street, Brockton 50, Massachusetts, and says: Dear Mom, just a short note to let you know I am alive and well, so please don't worry if you got a telegram that I'm missing in action. They have treated me fairly as a prisoner of war and may be this war will end soon and I will be home, your loving son always, Bob.

From Ray Gonzalez to
Mrs. Josephine Gonzalez,
163 East 123rd Street,
New York City, N.Y.

KOREA, Jan. 18—Here is another letter I have been asked to transmit to the mother of Corporal RAY GONZALEZ R.A. 12292016, now a prisoner of war. Her address is Mrs. JOSEPHINE GONZALEZ, 163 East 123rd Street, New York City 35, New York.

Dear Mom, I have been captured and am in a North Korean camp. We have been treated well and eat a lot. Don't worry. I am not writing because they are forcing me to but because it's true. We have lots to eat and they are real kind. Don't cry or worry and I'll be home soon. Mom, in the back of the letter you will find the address of a friend of mine. Please write to his aunt and tell her he is fine and please not to worry. I love you, your son Ray.

The other address given is: Mrs. T. NANKANISHI, 11841 Kiowa Avenue, West Los Angeles, California.
From Harry Migoguchi.

From Chuton H. Jackson
To Mrs. Thelma Jackson,
50, Montana, Lincoln Heights,
Tacoma, Washington

KOREA, Jan. 19—War prisoner Lieutenant CHUTON H. JACKSON has asked for a message to be forwarded to his wife: Mrs. THELMA JACKSON of 50, Montana, Lincoln Heights, Tacoma, Washington. He says: My Darling Thelma, You probably have heard my whereabouts are unknown. I am safe and well and getting enough to eat. I am captured. Keep your chin up. Stay put, keep the home fires burning. I will be home some day.

Soon, I hope, I love you, Chuton.

From Joseph F. Szalapiewicz
To Mrs. Emma Schultz,
Peters Run, R.D.4,
Elm Grove, West Virginia

KOREA, Jan. 20—I have been asked to forward the following message to Mrs. EMMA SCHULTZ, Peters Run R.D. No. 4, Elm Grove, West Virginia, from her son JOSEPH F. SZALAPIEWICZ R.A. 13333634.

He says:

Dear mother, just a few lines to let you know everything's O.K. I'm held as prisoner of war. I'm being treated O.K. I like for you to send some candy and cookies soon as you can. Tell everyone I said hello. I hope to see you all soon. That is all for now, love always, Joseph.

From K. O. Canterbury
To Mrs. Irene Richbourg,
3711 Lee Ave., Monroe, Louisiana

KOREA, Jan. 22—I have been asked to forward a message from K. O. CANTERBURY, R.A. 38519472, an American prisoner of war in Korea. He writes to Mrs. IRENE RICHBOURG, 3711 Lee Avenue (or Lec or Sec Avenue—Editor) Monroe, Louisiana, as follows:

Dearest Mopsy, At the present time I am well and O.K. I am a prisoner of war and being treated very well. Please let J.C. and Sis and Pats know that I'm O.K. Bye for now, love, Kim.

From R. P. McDermond
To Mrs. Joe McDermond,
Newville R.D.3, Pennsylvania

KOREA, Jan. 23—Here is a further message from an American POW here, which I have been asked to pass on. R.P. McDERMOND, R.A. 13342860 writes to Mrs. JOE McDERMOND, Newville R.D. 3, Pennsylvania. He says: Dear Mom, Dad and all, just a line to let you know I'm a POW. I am treated very good. Please don't worry. Tell all I said hello. Love, Bob.

From Raymond Collet
To Mrs. Raymond Collet,
1622 Benntto Street, Laureldale,
Pennsylvania and Four Other Messages

KOREA, Jan. 24—I have been asked to send messages to the relatives of some war prisoners here; following are their names and the addresses of their folks in America:

Sergeant RAYMOND COLLET, whose mother is Mrs. RAYMOND COLLET, 1622 Benntto Street, Laureldale, Pennsylvania. (This Benntto is very badly written, it may be Benuto or Benetta—Editor).

Corporal ROMEO, (given name undecipherable) to Mrs. JOHN ROMEO, 1015, Butler Street, Easton, Pennsylvania.

Both of these war prisoners ask for the relatives of their friends, also war prisoners, to be informed. These are: Mrs. EDWARD GRESSEL, 245 East Wildey Street, Philadelphia 25, Pennsylvania.

Mrs. T. J. FRAWLEY, 319 Sphar Street, East Liberty, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

ROMEO says, "There are five of us, the last from our company—in fact everybody was lost. Don't worry, I am being treated O.K." COLLET says his health is good and he is being treated well.

From Joseph D. Tooney
To Mrs. Joseph D. Tooney, 41 Logan Way,
South Boston, Massachusetts
and Eight Other Messages

KOREA, Jan. 26—A group of nine prisoners has asked for a message to be sent to their relatives in the United States. These prisoners have asked that their folks be told they are all well. Some were wounded but have now recovered. They want to say that they are living in warm rooms and are cooking their own food. They are free to move around, to take walks and to gather wood for heating their rooms.

Here are the prisoners' names and those of the relatives they send this message to:

Lieutenant JOSEPH D. TOONEY, to Mrs. JOSEPH D. TOONEY, 41 Logan Way, South Boston, Massachusetts.

ADDISON SCHANTZ, to Mrs. ADDISON SCHANTZ, 5101 84th Street, Caledonia, Michigan.

HERBERT W. CHIPMAN, to Mrs. DELLA CHIPMAN, 541
4th Avenue, Sar Bruno, California.

Corporal FOX, to Mrs. DORA LEE FOX, 1206 Russell
Avenue, East St. Louis, Illinois

COMER JACKSON JR., Private First Class, to Mr. COMER
JACKSON, Shelton Beach Road, Saraland, Alabama.

VERNON SCROGGINS, Private First Class, to Mr. and
Mrs. HARRISON SCROGGINS, 1824 North 27th
Street, Richmond, Virginia.

PAUL SAINT JULIEN, to Mr. and Mrs. L. G. SAINT
JULIEN, Broussard, Louisiana.

EMERSON BANGHART, to Mr. and Mrs. EMERSON
BAUGHART, 76 Penn Street, Montgomery,
Pennsylvania.

Corporal ROY L. JENKINS, to Mr. and Mrs. W. E.
JENKINS, 1820 Gould Street, Dallas, Texas.

From William H. Whiteside
To Mr. William H. Whiteside, Sr.,
5107 Greenwood Ave., Seattle, Washington

KOREA, Jan. 30—An U.S. Army Lieutenant has strong views about the Korean war. Here is his letter which I have been asked to forward to his father. The name of this prisoner of war is Second Lieutenant WILLIAM H. WHITESIDE, 0-2212057, U.S. Army. His letter is addressed to Mr. WILLIAM H. WHITESIDE, SR. 5107 Greenwood Avenue, Seattle 3, Washington. The letter reads as follows:

Dear Dad, I am happy to let you know that I am still alive and well. I am a prisoner of the Chinese volunteers' and am in Korea and know that you and the rest of the family will be relieved to get this news. Paper is short and time is of the essence so I will get down to business. I wrote you many times, Dad, that this whole mess over here was a political abortion and that my heart and guts were not in it as they were in the last one. I can't emphasize enough how my opinion has intensified since I was hit and got back

into action. Surely, Dad, the people back home are asking why we are here and want to know, as we all do here, why the troops are not pulled out of Korea.

I don't understand why China is not given its rightful seat in the U.N. and given Formosa. Chiang Kai-shek's Government is as much a fraud as ever and definitely does not represent the Chinese people. You know me, Dad, and you know that my views are my own and my opinions are those expressed when I was still at home.

I'm interested in coming home and want it to be soon. I'm sure that you feel the same so that we can all be happy at home together. You can help me and thousands of other prisoners by personally contacting all of our friends in influential positions and having them bring pressure to bear to get together with the Chinese across the U.N. Council table. You must contact our friend Senator Magnuson and have him work from Congress. Have Governor Lenglle, Mayor Devin, Prosecuting Attorney Carroll and your friends in the Seattle City Council organise an effort locally to be carried to Washington, D.C. and get action soon.

And I repeat soon, Dad. If any of us prisoners return I will be one because my will to get home to you all is so strong. The Chinese have been treating us wonderfully well but their task is difficult due to the complete devastation of Korea. Housing is scarce and food is a terrible problem and warmth in this climate is rare. The Chinese are making every efforts to make our stay as comfortable as possible but each day it becomes harder for them and us.

We were all terribly let down by the U.N. rejection of the Chinese proposals when the Peiping delegation went to Lake Success. Do all you can, Dad, to get them thinking straight quickly or your Bill won't come marching home from this one.

I miss you all terribly and just live for the day when I can see you all again. I love you all and am depending on you to do whatever you can. Tell my future that I love her 'with the breath, smiles and tears of all my life.' God, but I would love to be with you now. And when I do get home, we'll have our Christmas.

I love you, Mom.

Your one and only, Bill.

British Prisoners of War Write Home

KOREA, Mar. 5—A group of British prisoners of war in a camp here have asked that their relatives be informed of their safety and good treatment. These prisoners of war are still talking about their big treat at the Lunar New Year, which they celebrated along with their Chinese volunteer guards. On this occasion they had a special meal of pork, beef, chicken, meat balls, rice and soup and afterwards each prisoner was given a present of towel, soap, toothbrush and toothpaste. The celebration was rounded off by a performance of Chinese folk dancing.

Following are some of their names and particulars of their relatives in England, together with some of their remarks. TERRY DARBY to his mother at 32 Beechwood Avenue, New Gardens, Richmond Surrey: "I can assure you I am in the best of health. I have been very well treated and we are not being treated as prisoners but as friends."

DON TREAGUS to his parents at 29 Leigh Road, Worthing, Sussex: "Don't worry about me because

our treatment has been very good and every possible kind of help has been given to us."

DICK RICHARDS to his parents at 34 Hawthorn Road, Bognor Regis: "Don't worry, I am perfectly well. One thing I can see though, I shouldn't have come to Korea in the first place."

BRIAN MARTIN to his mother, 142 Bollo Bridge Road, Acton, London: "We are getting good treatment and good medical care."

CLIVE to Mr. TOMPKINS care JAMES ELLIS & Co., 17 James Street, Derby: "The living here is pretty good. And the Chinese have given us warm clothes." CECIL MCGEE to his mother, Church Road, Dundonald, Belfast: "Don't worry about me I am quite alright and being treated well."

Other prisoners who send the same sort of message to their folks are:

KEN WYETH to his wife, 71 Ceres Road, Plumstead, London.

HARRY MELLING to his wife, 13 Whittier Street, off Smithdown Road, Liverpool 8.

GERRY BALCHIN to his parents, 82 Oxford Road, Windsor.

RICK BEADLE to his wife, 3 Basnett Road, Lavender Hill, Battersea, London.

RAY OGLE to his mother, 38 Parsonage Avenue, Walkley, Sheffield.

PETER to his family, 26 Primrose Hill, Huddersfield.

RUBE NICHOLLS to his family, 19 Dennis Street,
Hugglescoat, Coalville, Leicestershire.

F. UNDERWOOD to his family, 33 Uplands Road, Bourne-
mouth.

ANDY CONDRON to his family, 90 Stuart Terrace,
Bathgate, West Lothian.

From Bob Messman to Mrs. Marty Messman,
1243 Masonic Ave., San Francisco,
California and Nine Other Messages

NORTH KOREA, Mar. 16—Here are some more messages I have been asked to forward to the relatives of prisoners here. In addition to the points they make in these messages, all these prisoners want to say that they are receiving the best of treatment by the Chinese volunteers—good food, medical attention, enough exercise, newspapers and tobacco.

Here is what some of them say:

BOB MESSMAN to Mrs. MARTY MESSMAN, 1243 Masonic Avenue, San Francisco, California: "It will be a tragedy if the American people let our warped Asian policy drag us into another war, because we definitely are not wanted here. The thing that impresses me more than anything is the sincerity of the Chinese volunteers soldiers. It is not a grandstand. They have been so materially benefitted by the demise of the Chiang Kai-shek regime that they are a nation reborn and full of hope and confidence. The U.S. is

knocking its head against a wall if they continue to support Chiang's debunked regime. These people have been real friends."

PAUL to JEANNE MCGINNIS, 520 East Ravine Street, Faribault, Minnesota:

"We have a regular schedule at the camp. First we get up about seven and go on a morning walk. we have about half an hour to wash for breakfast. Then we study till about noon. Afternoons we usually spend washing our clothes, going to lectures and sometimes chopping wood. Our studies are mainly about politics and the Korean situation. We were issued a towel, toothbrush, tooth paste and soap and two packages of cigarettes the other night. These Chinese people treat us more as friends than as prisoners."

BOB KILPATRICK to his wife at 815 N.W. 24th Court, Miami, Florida:

"I don't know if the people in the States realise it or not but the U.N. Charter has been violated by the U.S. several times since the Korean war. Sending the troops here was the first violation. They should pull all the troops out of here let the Korean people settle it for themselves."

EDWARD to 'SIS'—Mrs. STEPHANIE BEREOLUS, 5173 South Bishops Street, Chicago:

"I don't want no part in what the U.S. Army does from now on."

Similar messages and greetings come from:

JIMMY SANDERS to his wife, Quarters 391, C. MacDill Airforce Base, Tampa, Florida.

RONALD ALLEY to his wife at 1883 State Street, Schenectady, New York.

JAMES EDWARDS to his wife, P.O. Box 223, Montevallo, Alabama.

NINEVAH A. CARTER to his wife, 225 South Jefferson Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri.

JOHN LAVALLE to his father, 52 Lincoln Place, Brooklyn, New York.

GABRIEL FORLALES to his wife, Odiongang, Romblon, Philippines.

MAMERTO MANGLE to his mother, Tabugon Liloan Leyte, Philippines.

From Elwood E. Overgard to Mrs. Overgard,
326 S. Smith Street, Vinita, Oklahoma,
And Seven Other Messages

KOREA, Mar. 15—The following messages from American POWs to their families come from a camp which was recently strafed by U.S. planes. Four POWs were killed and 15 wounded.

Corporal ELWOOD E. OVERGARD's message to his wife and son at 326 S. Smith Street, Vinita, Oklahoma, is: "I am all right and well for the Chinese are treating us very well but our aeroplanes are strafing us. They have already killed four and wounded a lot more. The planes is all that we have to hide from and we can't have a fire to keep warm for they strafe the houses and burn them down.

"Darling if you will write a letter to our senator and see if you can put a stop to this senseless war for there is a lot of innocent people getting killed. The Chinese aren't mad at the American people but they are after the big men for they know the American people don't want war.

"I know these boys were killed for I was in their section and they were killed in the same room with me. I was lucky for one man got wounded right next to me and one killed at my feet so I know it is very much true.

"Darling if I ever get out of this I will never fight again. Write to mother and dad and let them know I am all right and have them write to their congressman and see if he will do something about this, too.

"The sooner the war is over the sooner we will get to come home. I love you and son very much and counting the days until I get back to you.

"I will tell you again for that is the only way we will get this stopped is for all the people you can get to write and get this stopped and get us out of Korea for we have no business here in the first place."

Sergeant First Class JOHN RACICH to Mrs. Vera Racich of 1209 East 29th Street, Tacoma, Washington.

"Our planes strafed the camp though the Chinese marked it PW. They strafe indiscriminately. If something moves they shoot up the place without bothering to see who or what it is.

"The Chinese move us around at night from one village in the mountains to another to stop our planes from locating us and shooting us up. We travel at night then during the day we jam into a small house and we don't dare go out because if the planes see us they shoot us up. If we stay in one place too long it shows signs of inhabitation.

"In the place they shot us up last time they rocketted and strafed us and we live in fear that they will use napalm fire bombs on us. There are no Chinese with us except our guards and interpreters so the strafing is uncalled for.

"I miss you and baby very much and I think of you every day."

Sergeant HOWARD CAMPBELL to Mrs. HOWARD CAMPBELL at 303, 93rd Street, Brooklyn, New York, sends a message to Mommy, Howard and Linda:

"I would have no worry about coming home to you and the children safely except for our own aeroplanes. Every day they are bombing and strafing all these Korean houses and killing poor innocent victims like children and old people and when they are through, all that is left is a pile of ashes.

"Please let everyone know what our planes are doing to us. God bless you all and hope to see you soon."

Other messages from men in the same POW camp come from:

Private PETER KUBIC to Miss ANNA KUBIC, Box 184 Main Street, Shanty Town, Wilkes Barre, Penn.

S.F.C. ROBERT LANER to Mrs. ROBERT LANER, 1305 Idaho Street, Peoria, Illinois.

Sergeant EDWARD ANDERSON to Mrs. ANDERSON, 835 North 33rd Street, Alabama City, Alabama.

Private ROBERT R. ROBINSON to Mrs. MARY ROBINSON,
806 Fishertown Road, Davenport, Iowa.

First Lieutenant WILLIAM D. BEALL to Mrs. JOYCE
BEALL, 2215 Tillman Avenue, Columbus, Georgia.

From Paul R. Smith to Mrs. Button
And Eleven Other Messages

NORTH KOREA, Mar. 28—A sad and moving message was given to me at this POW camp, all the more moving for the writer's obvious inability to express his emotions in writing.

It is a message from Private First Class PAUL R. SMITH to the mother of his buddy who was killed by American planes.

"I am sorry to have to write this," he says, "but I am sure you will feel better to hear from me. I am a friend of LANDIS L. BUTTON, your son.

"On the 19th day of February, LANDIS was shot and killed by American planes while he was a prisoner of the Chinese. The war was over for him. The Chinese were trying to protect all of us. The planes also burned Korean houses.

"This is not what I heard," he goes on. "I saw this happen with my own eyes. On the same day three others were killed and 15 wounded. They were

all American. American jet planes did it. The following names also saw this happen."

In addition to SMITH's signature, there are the signatures of Private First Class RICHARD BARNES, Corporal EDMUND OSASHI, Private PANE R. ROESE, all of Company "K" 9th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Battalion (division not stated).

Other survivors of this incident have also written messages to their own families, expressing their horror and indignation and appealing to their folks to do something back in the States to end the bloodshed in Korea and bring the American troops back.

Private ANDRERD F. PETHO in a message to his mother, Mrs. JULIA PETHO of 2178 West 65th Street, Cleveland, Ohio, says, "There isn't any sense at all fighting a war like this. All this suffering and loss of lives for no reason at all. Just for a few big shots back there in the States, they are the ones who ought to come to Korea and fight."

Captain THOMAS JOYCE to Mrs. JOYCE of 525 N. Humphrey Avenue, Oak Park, Illinois, asks, "Why don't the public do something to stop all of the unnecessary killing? I hope and pray something will be done soon so we can be back together, to where we belong.

Private First Class GORDON H. RIPATRANZONE to his parents at 368 Lafayette Avenue, Hawthorne, New Jersey, says, "We are supposed to be here freeing the people and all we are doing is killing them and destroying them. The only way this war can be stopped

is by you at home. Put this in the paper. Unite and get the people in the U.S.A. to have the Government withdraw. Let the North and South Koreans settle this war by themselves."

Private ROBERT I. KOHL to Mrs. ELISE KOHL of Box 385 Lisbon, Iowa, says, "Say darling, tell Pop to write to that dam Truman again about getting the troops out of Korea. I hope all the people have found out what a bunch of war dictators they have in Washington."

Other messages from men in this camp are also addressed to relatives as follows, Mrs. JAMES E. TURLEY, 310 McDonald Street, South Charleston, W. Virginia; Mrs. JENNIE CUDGER, 1113 Montello Avenue N.E., Washington 2 D.C.; Mrs. Veraie M. Walkers, 2839 7th Street, Berkeley 2, California; Mrs. Carl T. Nelson, P.O. Box 130, Carlton, Illinois; Mr. & Mrs. Cole, Box 142 Desloge, Missouri; Mrs. WILLIAM SAUER, ABERDEEN, Ohio; Mrs. Lottie LUX, 218 South 11th Street, Suginow, Michigan.

Appendix

American Planes Killed 4, Wounded 15 U.S. POWs

NORTH KOREA, Mar. 14—Nineteen American prisoners of war in the Korean rear were killed or wounded during an attack by American aeroplanes recently.

At 2:30 on the afternoon of February 19 two American jet planes raided a prisoners' camp maintained by the Chinese people's volunteers in the rear in North Korea. Over 200 American prisoners of war were staying at the camp. For 20 minutes the planes fiercely bombed and strafed the camp. Two American prisoners were killed on the spot and two died soon after of serious wounds. Fifteen others were wounded and one was driven mad by utter panic.

The two who were killed on the spot were LANDIS L. BUTTON, former private of the K Company of the 9th Regiment of the U.S. 2nd Division, and BERRED J. OLANSKY, former corporal of the L. Company of the 38th Regiment of the same division. Those who died of serious wounds were JESSE B. CONNETTE,

former corporal of the A Company of the 38th Regiment of the same division, and AUBREY E. HUX, former corporal of the B Company of the same regiment. Medical care has been given to the wounded and the dead have been suitably interred.

At the same time, the American planes slaughtered many Korean women and children. On seeing the crimes committed by the planes of their own country, the American prisoners were filled with shame and indignation. They saw a Korean woman weeping over the mutilated body of an infant in her arms and villages aflame as they sadly carried their killed or wounded fellow prisoners.

On the second day, the American prisoners wrote more than 100 letters to their families, recounting how they had been attacked by the American planes. They demanded the withdrawal of the American forces from Korea and denounced Truman and the Wall Street monopolists as warmongers. They said that the American people do not want such a war and American soldiers are not willing to fight in such a war which they can never win. They say that they are well treated by the Chinese volunteers and that the only danger comes from their own aeroplanes.